

## CHAPTER 2

### BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

Originally established over 50 years ago as part of the reorganization of the State prison system, the BOC is statutorily charged with providing leadership to, and improving the effectiveness of, local juvenile and adult corrections agencies. Appendix B lists the code sections for BOC's specific mandates, which include:

- Establishing and revising minimum standards for local juvenile and adult detention facilities, conducting biennial “problem-solving” inspections of all local detention facilities, and reporting the results of those inspections to the Legislature.
- Reviewing the architectural plans for constructing and remodeling all local detention facilities.
- Establishing recruitment, selection, and training standards for all local corrections personnel working in jails, juvenile detention facilities, or probation departments.
- Administering bond measures related to local detention facility construction.
- Administering local corrections pilot and demonstration projects.
- Conducting corrections research, including gathering profile data from local adult and juvenile detention facilities.

The BOC, which operates under the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency (YACA), is composed of 13 members (the Board) and staff. By law, the Governor appoints 10 members and three members are permanent ex-officio (Secretary of YACA as Chair; Director of the California Department of Corrections; and Director of the California Youth Authority). The Board sets all regulation and policy direction, and makes all grant awards. The BOC holds bimonthly meetings at various locations throughout the State and encourages interested parties to attend.

The BOC is organized into three divisions, all of which work in partnership with California's counties and cities in carrying out the Board's statutory responsibilities.

**Facility Standards and Operations (FSO) Division:** Sets minimum standards for the operation and construction of local adult and juvenile detention facilities; conducts biennial facility inspections; and reports on compliance.

**Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Division:** Sets minimum standards for the selection and training of local corrections officers, probation officers and juvenile counselors; administers a decentralized, statewide training delivery system; conducts annual monitoring; and reports on compliance.

**Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division:** Conducts research and administers a variety of State and federal detention facility construction and crime prevention/reduction programs.